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SUBJECT:CULTURAL CENTER OPERATIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF BUJUMBURA'S CULTURAL CENTER IS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO US INTERESTS TO WARRANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT BY THE AFRICAN BUREAU. IN EXCHANGE FOR USIA'S AGREEMENT TO KEEP THE CENTER IN OPERATION THROUGH FY-76, AF WILL REDUCE BY \$56,000 ITS FY 76 BILLING TO USIA FOR SHARED ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IN AFRICA.

2. USIA WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT FOR THE CULTURAL CENTER AND WILL SUPPLY THE EMBASSY WITH ALL IMPORTANT MESSAGES AND CIRCULARS, AS WELL AS BOOKS, MAGAZINES, DISPLAYS, SUPPLIES, ETC., WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN KEPT FROM EMBASSY WHILE USIA WAS BEGINNING TO PHASE OUT SUPPORTIVE OPERATIONS THERE OVER LAST FEW MONTHS. INGERSOLL

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